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SUBJECT: ATOMIC ENERGY: PHYSICAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS

1. ERDA PROPOSING SENDING TEAM TO DISCUSS AND CONDUCT ON-SITE VISITS PURSUANT TO US POLICY RE PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT. POLICY NOW THAT NO COMMITMENT OR CONTRACT PERMITTING OVERSEAS SUPPLY OR RETRANSFERS OF GREATER THAN FIVE KILOGRAMS
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OF U-235 IN URANIUM ENRICHED TO GREATER THAN 20 PERCENT AND

/OR TWO KILOGRAMS OF PLUTONIUM OR U-233 COULD BE CONCLUDED
UNLESS THE RECIPIENT NATION HAS ADEQUATE PHYSICAL SECURITY
MEASURES IN EFFECT.

2. LETTERS WERE SENT TO WASHINGTON EMBASSIES OF SUBJECT
COUNTRIES IN NOVEMBER 1974 AND JANUARY 1975 APPRISING THEM
OF THE NEW US POLICY AND TRANSMITTING TO EACH COPIES OF US
STANDARDS. US POLICY IS THAT COMPARABLE MEASURES TO THOSE
EMPLOYED IN THE US SHOULD BE IN EFFECT IN A COUNTRY TO MEET
THE THREAT (FROM SUBNATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS)
BUT, BECAUSE OF DIFFERING LAWS, CUSTOMS AND CULTURES, A
POINT-BY-POINT COMPARISON WITH US STANDARDS WOULD NOT BE
THE MEANS FOR ASSESSING ADEQUACY. COMPENSATING FEATURES,
SUCH AS LARGE NUMBER OF TRAINED ARMED GUARDS OR ACTIVE,
WELL-COORDINATED RESPONSE FORCES, FOR INSTANCE, WOULD BE
CONSIDERED WHEN MAKING ASSESSMENT.

3. DISCUSSIONS AND VISITS ARE TO FURTHER BILATERAL UNDER-
STANDINGS OF ADEQUATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, WITH THE
OBJECTIVE OF INITIATING CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN US
EXPERTS AND THEIR FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS. INVITATIONS WILL
BE EXTENDED BY THE TEAM FOR THE FOREIGN EXPERTS TO HOLD
FURTHER TALKS IN THE US WITH ERDA AND LABORATORIES CON-
DUCTING R&D WORK IN THIS AREA.

4. PROPOSED TEAM ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: BRIEFING EMBASSY
STAFF AND AMBASSADOR RE POLICY BACKGROUND AND TEAM
OBJECTIVES; MEETING WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RE
COUNTRY'S LAWS AND REGULATIONS RE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF
NUCLEAR MATERIAL AT FIXED SITES AND IN TRANSIT; AND ON-
SITE VISITS TO SPECIFIED FACILITIES AND OTHERS, IF EMBASSY
OR GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL DEEM APPROPRIATE. TEAM
DESIRES THAT VISIT BE CONDUCTED IN ORDER OF THE ABOVE.

5. ERDA TEAM WILL BE: HARVEY E. LYON, DIRECTOR AND
DONALD C. TUBBS, ASSESSMENT BRANCH, BOTH OF ERDA'S
DIVISION OF SAFEGUARDS AND SECURITY; AND WILLIAM HAGIS,
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICER, ERDA'S DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS.

6. FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS PROPOSED FOR TEAM ACTIVITIES:
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FRIDAY - 1/23 LV: WASH (DULLES) VIA NW-3----- 10:15

SAT. 1/24 - AR: TOKYO-----18:00

MON. 1/26 BRIEF EMBASSY IN AM; DISCUSSIONS WITH
JAEB, PNC AND JAERI IN PM.

TUE. 1/27 - TRAVEL MITO CITY (OARAI), VISIT JAERI (JMTR)
TRAVEL TOLYO IN PM.

WED. 1/28 - LV: TOKYO VIA SK 984 11:10 - ARV: MANILA 14:45

THUR 1/29 - BRIEF EMBASSY IN AM; DISCUSSIONS WITH PAEC AN

AND VISIT PRR-1 REACTOR (QUEZON CITY)-----

FRIDAY 1/30 - LV: MANILA VIA TG-621 - 14:05 - ARV: BANGKOK

16:50-----

MON. 2/2 - BRIEF EMBASSY IN AM; DISCUSSIONS WITH TAEC IN PM.-----

TUE. 2/3 - VISIT RESEARCH REACTOR IN BANGKHEN-----

WED 2/4 - LV: BANGKOK VIA TG-423 - 8:00 - ARV: - 12:10

THUR 2/5 BRIEF EMBASSY IN AM; DISCUSSIONS WITH IAEC PM.

FRI 2/6 TRAVEL BANDUNG, VISIT FACILITY TRAVEL DJAKARTA

LV: DJAKARTA VIA PA-812 - 22:15-----.

SAT 2/7 ARV: SYDNEY - 9:00-----.

MON 2/9 LV: SYDNEY VIA TN-421 8:30; ARV: CANBERRA BRIEF EMBASSY 9:10; LV: CANBERRA VIA AN-366 17:05, ARV: SYDNEY 17:40-----.

TUD 2/10 - DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN AEC-----;

WED 2/11 - VISIT FACILITIES AT LUCAS HEIGHTS; THUR 2/12, LV FOR US.

7. FOR TOKYO: THIS PROPOSED RETURN VISIT TO JAPAN IS IN SUPPORT OF ON-GOING HENOC ACTIVITIES AND WILL BE LOW KEY IN APPROACH. US EFFORTS WITH GOJ IN BOLSTERING THEIR PHYSICAL SECURITY IS OUT PRIME CONCERN. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH HENOC IN WASHINGTON DECEMBER 18.

FOR MANILA: THIS PROPOSED RETURN VISIT IS TO ASCERTAIN UPGRADING PROGRESS AS A FOLLOW-UP TO RECENT ERDA REVIEW. GOP PLANNING TO APPLY FOR EXPORT LICENSE FOR APPROXIMATELY 4.5 KILOGRAMS OF 93 PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM FOR THEIR PRR-1 RESEARCH REACTOR. US POLICY FOR ADEQUATE PHYSICAL SECURITY APPLIES AND AN ASSESSMENT MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE.

FOR CRANBERRA: GOA PLANNING TO RETRANSFER US-ORIGIN 9.375 UNCLASSIFIED

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KILOGRAMS OF 80 PERCENT ENRICHED URANIUM FROM UK FOR USE IN THE HIFAR REACTOR FACILITY IN LUCAS HEIGHTS, SYDNEY. SINCE ABOVE MATERIAL IS US-ORIGIN, POLICY APPLIES AS ABOVE

FOR BANGKOK AND DJAKARTA: NO OUTSTANDING LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR EITHER COUNTRY BUT ERDA TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE HOLDING DISCUSSIONS AND REVIEWING FACILITIES WHILE IN THE GENERAL AREA. US-SUPPLIED REACTORS UTILIZING HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM ARE LOCATED IN BANGKHEN AND BANDUNG. ON-SITE VISITS WILL AID IN EVALUATIONS OF FUTURE APPLICATIONS.

8. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE SOONEST FEASIBILITY AND ACCEPTABILITY SCHEDULE AND VISITS AND TO ARRANGE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT THE

DECISION-MAKING LEVEL RE REGULATIONS AND DETERMINING
GOVERNMENT PHYSICAL SECURITY PROGRAM. TEAM WELCOMES
EMBASSY PARTICIPATION ALL DISCUSSIONS AND ON-SITE VISITS.
PLEASE ADVISE DESIGNATED EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER.

9. SINCE DISCUSSIONS MAY INCLUDE SENSITIVE CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION, EMBASSIES MAY INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT
ALL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE ERDA "Q" CLEARANCES.

10. REQUEST EMBASSY ASSIST TEAM WITH LOCAL TRAVEL AND
SINGLE MODERATE ACCOMMODATIONS PER ABOVE SCHEDULE (SUG-
GEST OKURA IN TOKYO AND BAYVIEW IN MANILA, OR EQUIVALENT).
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